

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PANAMA 04308 181509Z

17

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07

FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06 TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03

SP-02 CIEP-01 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NSC-05 SS-15

STR-04 CEA-01 L-03 H-02 PA-01 PRS-01 AGR-05 OFA-01

FEA-01 FPC-01 /105 W

----- 114266

R 181358Z JUL 75

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4544

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PANAMA 4308

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, YO, PN,

SUBJ: PANAMA-YUGOSLAVIA ECONOMIC COMMUNIQUE

REF: (A) FBIS 280221Z JUNE 1975 (B) FBIS 280232Z JUNE 1975

1. ONE JUNE 26, 1975, PANAMA AND YUGOSLAVIA SIGNED A JOINT ECONOMIC COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED IN THE REFERENCED FBIS REPORT, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FOUR-DAY VISIT OF A YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC MISSION. DURING A RECENT VISIT TO THE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PANAMA'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AURELIO BARRIA, COMMENTED ON THE YUGOSLAV VISIT. BARRIA SAID THE DELEGATION VISITED THE CHAMBER, BUT GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING UNUSED TO DEALING WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. HE DESCRIBED THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT TO PANAMA AS PRIMARILY POLITICAL IN NATURE. THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION'S VISIT WAS HANDLED BY PANAMA'S LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION, WHICH GENERALLY HOSTS DELEGATIONS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE YUGOSLAV INTEREST CENTERED ON
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PANAMA 04308 181509Z

THE PURCHASE OF PANAMANIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND IN SELLING

A WIDE VARIETY OF ITEMS (SEE REF FOR COMPLETE LIST) INCLUDING: AGRICULTURAL, FOOD PROCESSING, ELECTRICAL, TELECOMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOP'S PORT AUTHORITY FOR SHIPYARD, DRY DOCK OR FISHING PORT CONSTRUCTION; COOPERATION IN MINING AND MINERALS INDUSTRIES AND IN TOURISM AND SALES OF YUGOSLAV PHARMACEUTICALS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF MANUFACTURING THEM IN PANAMA. HOWEVER, BARRIA SAID THAT THE DELEGATION WAS UNABLE TO GIVE ANY SOURCES WHEN REQUESTS WERE MADE FOR CONTACTS IN OBTAINING SPECIFIC ITEMS AND THAT IN THE PAST LETTERS TO YUGOSLAV SUPPLIERS HAD NOT BEEN ANSWERED.

3. FYI. YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN PANAMA HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT LATELY. THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED MATUTINO CARRIED ON JUNE 24 A PRESS RELEASE FROM PANAMA'S AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA REPORTING FAVORABLE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF PANAMANIAN BANANAS TO THAT COUNTRY, MADE BY THE GOP BANANA CORPORATION OF THE PACIFIC. ON JUNE 30 IT SHIPPED ANOTHER 130,000 BOXES ALONG WITH 30,000 GALLONS OF CONCENTRATED ORANGE JUICE PRODUCED BY CITRICOS DE CHIRIQUI, WHICH WAS ACQUIRED BY THE GOP AFTER RECENTLY GOING BANKRUPT AS A PRIVATE U.S. OWNED CONCERN. YUGOSLAV CONTRACTORS RECENTLY COMPLETED GRADING WORK FOR THE NEW AIRPORT RUNWAY, AND ANOTHER YUGOSLAV CONTRACTOR IS BUILDING THE DAM FOR THE BAYANO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. STORIES OF YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN A SECOND PETROLEUM REFINERY HAVE APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS, BUT TO DATE NOTHING DEFINITE HAS DEVELOPED.
GONZALEZ

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ECONOMIC COOPERATION, COMMUNIQUEs, TRADE VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 JUL 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975PANAMA04308
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750249-0657
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750742/aaaablitt.tel
Line Count: 89
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 FBIS 280221Z, 75 JUNE 1975, 75 FBIS 280232Z, 75 JUNE 1975
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <12 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PANAMA-YUGOSLAVIA ECONOMIC COMMUNIQUE
TAGS: ETRD, YO, PN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006